Report of Amnesty International on Torture of Tamils in Sri Lanka

1898. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Amnesty International, in its recent report, has revealed facts of extensive torture on the arrested Tamil by Sri Lanka's security forces; and

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter with the Sri Lankan Government to stop such torture forthwith ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) The Amnesty International in its 1985 report state that it has received reports of torture and ill treatment of detainees by the security forces in Sri Lanka.

(b) The specific report of Amnesty International has not been taken up with the Sri Lankan Government.

However Government have repeatedly called on the Sri Lankan authorities to ensure that the security forces act with restraint.

Gas leakage

1899. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of cases of gas leakage in the country which occurred after the Bhopal gas tragedy;

(b) what are the details of each case;

(c) what action the Central Government have taken to prevent such cases;

(d) whether the new industries are required to get clearance from the Ministry before issue of licenses; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b) Exact figures are not available. Cases relating to leakage of chlorine, ammonia and phosgene have been reported.

(c) Action taken by Government includes the following :

—Surveys have been and are being conducted to assess the safety measures in hazardous industries ;

—instructions have been issued for undertaking comprehensive safety audits and necessary measures thereof ; and

—procedure has been laid down for environmental clearance prior the issue of license and siting of polluting industries.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) According to procedure laid down for polluting industries the letter of intent will be converted into an industrial license only after the following conditions have been fulfilled :—

—The State Director of Industries confirms that the site of the project has been approved from the environmental angle by the competent state authority ;

—The entrepreneur commits both to the State Government and the Central Government that he will instal the appropriate equipments and implement the prescribed measures

for the prevention and control of pollution.

—The concerned State pollution Control Board certified that the proposal meets with the environmental requirements and that the equipments installed or proposed to be installed are adequate and appropriate to the requirements.

Invitation of Prime Minister to ENLF Leaders

1900. SHRI : BHAGATRAM MANHAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether after the breakdown of second phase of the Thimpu talks between Sri Lanka Government and the Eelam National Liberation front Leaders, the Prime Minister invited the ENLF leaders for talks; and

(b) if so, what was assessment of the situation as given by them what was the outcome of the talks ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) Yes Sir. Three rounds of talks with ENLF leaders have been held in New Delhi since the adjournment of the Thimpu Talks.

(b) The ENLF leaders stated that violations of the cease-fire by Sri Lankan security forces were continuing and that the Sri Lankan proposals for a political solution did not meet their expectations.

ENLF appreciated India's efforts towards a political solution and there was agreement on all sides that India should continue with these efforts.

Public Sector Outlay Plan

1901. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total public sector outlay at current as well as at 1979-80 prices during the Sixth Five Year Plan ;

(b) what was the investment by the private sector; and

(c) the details about the financing of the public sector outlay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) The total final public sector outlay of the Sixth Five Year Plan is Rs. 1,10,821 crores at current prices. This includes Central assistance to States for relief against natural calamities of Rs. 1175 crores. This Public Sector outlay estimated at 1979-80 prices, comes to Rs. 76,677 crores.

(b) Estimated investment by the private sector at current prices during the first four years 1980-84 of the Sixth Five Year Plan is Rs. 80,014 crores. This is based on the provisional estimates upto 1982-83 and quick estimates for 1983-84 as released by the Central Statistical Organisation.

(c) The details about the financing of the Public Sector Outlay of of Rs. 1, 10,821 crores in the Six Five Year Plan are indicated in the Statement attached.